Gauge conversion between Mehboob Nagar and Hyderabad

4012. SHRI SAIFULLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gauge conversion work from Mehboob Nagar to Hyderabad is yet to be completed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the said work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) The work of gauge conversion of Mehboobnagar-Hyderabad section, has since been completed and commissioned to traffic on 21.8.1993.

Damage to cement and urea at Kalaikunda Railyard

4013. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge quantity of cement belonging to Orissa, JDCOL and urea of some other traders was completely damaged by rain sometime in the month of June, 1996, in the Kalaikunda Railyard of South Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Air-Conditioned Warehouses for Horticultural Products

4014. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of air-conditioned warehouses maintained by the Indian Warehousing Corporation throughout the country to keep horticultural products; and

(b) whether Government propose to extend this facility throughout the rest of the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) There is no Corporation named as 'Indian Warehousing Corporation', under the Control of Government of India. The Central Warehousing Corporation which is under the administrative control of Ministry of Food has only one air conditioned warehouse at Calcutta. This godown is owned by Shellac Development Council to store Shellac and other commodities.

(b) Central Warehousing Corporation do not have any proposal to set up air-conditioned warehouses. However, Government of India through Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority is providing assistance to Air and Sea Port Authority to establish controlled atmospheric warehouses.

Refund of Examination Fee by IGNOU

4015. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University had held a selection test for the post of Junior Assistant Typists during the first half of 1996;

(b) whether applications for this selection were invited from the open market in 1995;

(c) whether desiring candidates were asked to pay examination fee in the form of Indian Postal Order;

(d) whether a large number of candidates were not called for the written examination;

(e) whether the examination fee in such cases has since been refunded; and